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STRONG PERFORMANCE BY YOUNG SINGAPOREANS
AT THE 12TH WORLDSKILLS ASEAN COMPETITION IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

Team Singapore delivered a strong showing amidst intense competition, with **three Gold Medals, three Silver Medals, three Bronze Medals and seven Medallions for Excellence**. For the first time, our young participants clinched Gold medals in Mechatronics and Graphic Design Technology, and a Silver medal in Internet-of-Things, which is a new competition skills area introduced at this year’s WorldSkills ASEAN Competition.

2 The contingent, which consisted of 40 skilled youths, flew the Singapore flag high at the 12th WorldSkills ASEAN 2018 Competition in Bangkok, Thailand from 31 August to 2 September 2018. Please see Annexes A and B for Team Singapore’s results and the Medal Tally of the participating countries.

3 The breakdown of the medals and awards are as follows:

Medals	Skills Areas
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty Therapy • Graphic Design Technology • Mechatronics (Team Event)
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauty Therapy • Information Network Cabling • Internet-of-Things
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial Automation (Team Event) • IT Network Systems Administration • Mechanical Engineering CAD
Medallions for Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooking • Electronics • Information Network Cabling • IT Network Systems Administration • IT Software Solutions for Business • Web Design and Development

4 Mr Ng Cher Pong, Chairman of the WorldSkills Singapore Council and Chief Executive of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) said, “The results reflect the high standards of skills among our Singapore youths, and we are encouraged by their strong performance at the regional stage. For all of them, this is the start of their skills development journey and we hope that this competition will spur them on to scale greater heights.”

WorldSkills ASEAN Competition 2020

5 Singapore will be hosting the 13th WorldSkills ASEAN Competition in 2020 for the first time. During the WorldSkills ASEAN 2018 Competition Closing Ceremony on 4 September 2018, Ms Low Yen Ling, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education & Ministry of Manpower received the WorldSkills ASEAN Competition flag from Thailand, which symbolised Singapore’s role as the next host of the competition in 2020.

6 Ms Low said, “Our young people have flown the Singapore flag high at the WorldSkills ASEAN Competition and we are so proud of their mastery of diverse skills. They have shown us what grit is. No matter how tough the challenges were, they overcame the tests with focus, resilience and absolute determination. The medals won by our youths is an encouraging sign for a nation where skills are key to future successes. This win augurs well for Singapore as we look forward to hosting the WorldSkills ASEAN Singapore 2020 Competition.

7 For more information on the WorldSkills ASEAN Competition and Singapore’s participation, please refer to **Annex C** or visit www.wsasean2018.com.

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**Based in Bangkok from 28 Aug – 5 Sep*

About WorldSkills Singapore

WorldSkills Singapore is led by SkillsFuture Singapore, and jointly organised by the Institute of Technical Education, Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic, Temasek Polytechnic and the Ministry of Education. WorldSkills Singapore supports the national SkillsFuture movement and offers a platform for competitors to showcase their capabilities in the pursuit of skills mastery. It is but one of many milestones in a lifelong journey for Singaporeans to deepen skills and to discover their passions.

About SkillsFuture Singapore

SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) drives and coordinates the implementation of the national SkillsFuture movement, promotes a culture of lifelong learning and strengthens the ecosystem of quality education and training in Singapore. Through a holistic system of national SkillsFuture initiatives, SSG enables Singaporeans to take charge of their learning journey in their pursuit of skills mastery. SSG also works with key stakeholders to ensure that students and adults have access to high quality and industry-relevant training that meet the demands of different sectors of the economy for an innovative and productive workforce. For more information, visit www.ssg.gov.sg.

Team Singapore's Achievements at the 12th WorldSkills ASEAN Competition

No	Name	Institution	Skills Area	Award
1	Lim Hui Fang	Institute of Technical Education	Beauty Therapy	Gold ⁺
2	Jamie Jessica Leong	Nanyang Polytechnic	Graphic Design Technology	Gold
3	Arthur Liew	Ngee Ann Polytechnic	Mechatronics (Team Event)	Gold
	Wong Shi Jie	Ngee Ann Polytechnic		
4	Vanessa Kow	Institute of Technical Education	Beauty Therapy	Silver
5	Shauna Tan	Institute of Technical Education	Information Network Cabling	Silver
6	Daphne Tan Sok Yee	Ngee Ann Polytechnic	Internet-of-Things (Team Event)	Silver
	Lim Gao Min	Ngee Ann Polytechnic		
7	Mah Jia Yong	Institute of Technical Education	Industrial Automation (Team Event)	Bronze
	Lim Voon Kong	Institute of Technical Education		
8	Liong Wen Xuan	Nanyang Polytechnic	IT Network Systems Administration	Bronze
9	Tie Jie En	Singapore Polytechnic	Mechanical Engineering CAD	Bronze
10	Jerome Lim	Republic Polytechnic	Cooking	Medallion for Excellence*
11	Manzel Joseph Seet	Nanyang Polytechnic	Electronics	Medallion for Excellence*
12	Merick Fong	Ngee Ann Polytechnic	Electronics	Medallion for Excellence*
13	Jeff Liu	Institute of Technical Education	Information Network Cabling	Medallion for Excellence*
14	Nigel Chen	Nanyang Polytechnic	IT Network Systems Administration	Medallion for Excellence*
15	Yong Kai Qi	Nanyang Polytechnic	IT Software Solutions for Business	Medallion for Excellence*

16	Kelvin Chua	Nanyang Polytechnic	Web Design and Development	Medallion for Excellence*
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+ The Best of Nation award is presented to the highest scorer(s) of each country.

* Medallion for Excellence is awarded to competitors who achieve at least a median of 700 points on the standardised WorldSkills scale in their skills area.

MEDAL TALLY FOR THE 12TH WORLDSKILLS ASEAN COMPETITION

	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Medallion for Excellence
1	Thailand	16	4	3	13
2	Indonesia	13	6	8	7
3	Vietnam	6	5	5	16
4	Malaysia	4	1	5	21
5	Singapore	3	3	3	7
6	Philippines	0	1	2	8
7	Lao PDR	0	0	0	5
8	Myanmar	0	0	0	1
9	Cambodia	0	0	0	1
10	Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	1

About WorldSkills ASEAN Competition

Every two years, young talents around South East Asia gather to showcase their talents and abilities in various skills categories at the WorldSkills ASEAN Competition. First held in 1995 in Malaysia, the WorldSkills ASEAN Competition aims to promote and upgrade skills standard in ASEAN region to an international level, as well as to motivate youths to develop their skills to meet international standards and current technologies. It also provides an opportunity for the exchange of knowledge, expertise and experience among delegates from member countries.

In 2008, Singapore participated in its first WorldSkills ASEAN Competition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.